



SOUTHERN HEALTH-SANTÉ SUD

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Southwood School  
155 Barkman Avenue  
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**RE: Confirmed Case of COVID-19 in Southwood School**

Dear Parent/Guardian of Southwood School,

Manitoba Public Health officials have advised Southwood School of a confirmed case of COVID-19 in grade 4 on November 19 & 20, 2020 when the individual may have been infectious.

Southwood School is working closely with public health officials and following their recommendations.

Be assured that public health investigations to identify individuals who may have been exposed begin within 24 hours of a confirmed laboratory test. Anyone identified as a close contact will be contacted and provided instructions for self-isolation (quarantine). Testing may also be recommended.

Close contacts connected to the case have been identified and advised to self-isolate. Anyone who is a close contact has been contacted directly by public health officials or received a letter notifying that they are a close contact. Anyone who is in grade 4 is recommended to self-monitor for symptoms until December 4, 2020 and seek testing if symptoms develop.

Please note: the school/child care facility is not permitted to release the name or any identifying information about the confirmed case of COVID-19 to any member of the school, community or media.

If you have not been contacted by public health officials, your child(ren) have not been identified as being exposed to COVID-19 from this case. If your child develops a new onset or worsening of any one symptom listed in Column A or any two or more symptoms listed in Column B (see table below), even if they are mild, immediately isolate them from others. It is recommended your child get tested for COVID-19 as soon as symptoms appear. You may go directly to the nearest COVID-19 testing location during their open hours. For the testing site nearest you, please visit <https://www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/updates/testing.html>, or call Health Links—Info Santé at 204-788-8200 or toll-free at 1-888-315-9257.

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A	B
Fever/Chills	Runny nose
Cough	Muscle aches
Sore throat/hoarse voice	Fatigue
Shortness of breath/difficulty breathing	Pink eye (conjunctivitis)
Loss of taste or smell	Headache
Vomiting or diarrhea for more than 24 hours	Skin rash of unknown cause
	Nausea or loss of appetite
	Poor feeding (if an infant)

Please note: individuals with symptoms outlined in columns A and B, who choose not to be tested, must isolate for a minimum of 10 days following the start of symptoms. Isolation can be stopped at day 10 if the individual has been symptom free for 24 hours.

For more public health information about COVID-19, please visit <https://manitoba.ca/covid19/updates/resources.html>.

Sincerely,



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Southern Health-Santé Sud



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Interim Superintendent/CEO  
Hanover School Division



**Rod Kehler**  
Principal  
Southwood School